

## ADVERTISERS, TAKE NOTICE!

We, the undersigned, do solemnly swear that the bona fide actual circulation of the MEXICO WEEKLY LEDGER is Sixty Quires, or 1,440 copies.

R. M. WHITE, Prop'r.  
B. B. RUNKLE, Foreman.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of October, A. D. 1882.

JAMES CARROLL, Clerk.

Advertisers will do well to note this statement. FORTY-THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY copies of the LEDGER are printed every week; at least ten persons read each paper, making the circulation about 15,000. Everybody reads the "Great Religious Weekly!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## CITY ATTORNEY.

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Dr. W. C. Phipps, Harper block.

Beautiful spring weather.

To-day is Washington's birthday.

Sedalia is to have free mail delivery.

A Fulton girl blushes till her nose bleeds.

Melvin Pool and family have moved to Kansas.

For cheap candidates cards call at this office.

The race for city attorney will be a good one.

L. Phillip is in New York buying spring goods.

James Garrett is out after a severe spell of sickness.

The Wellsville Democrat is a new paper and a good one.

The Mexico Woolen Mills are doing a booming business.

W. H. McCague is going to read law with Forrist & Fry.

Wm. Wincott, of Sturgeon, has been visiting friends in Mexico.

Prayer meeting at 3 p. m. every day at the M. E. Church, South.

There is some talk of having democratic nominees for city officers.

Dr. Macfarlane is on his way back to Mexico. His children are here.

Curt Turner had \$35 stolen from his dwelling house the other night.

Johnny Morgan is in jail here for stealing an overcoat at Laddonia.

Look out for W. H. Woodward & Son's big advertisement next week.

The boys had a big fox chase last week and the fox did not get away.

James P. Sanford and Anna B. McGee were married on Valentine's Day.

Mrs. Charles Sherwood, of Columbia, has been visiting relatives in this city.

Seventy-four men were killed by the flooding of a coal mine in Grundy county, Ill.

Hiram Ricketts and Geo. Robertson were in St. Louis on business this week.

John F. Asbury and Miss B. P. Bybee of this county were married on the 14th.

Mr. E. A. Weimer, editor of the St. Louis Sentinel, made us a pleasant call yesterday.

The Ledger next week will contain an extended article on the production of flaxseed.

The Ledger would love to find some one to contribute to a "Balm of Gilead" department.

The creeks throughout the county were higher last week than they have been for fifty years.

There is a chronic beggar at the depot, who is becoming a nuisance to the traveling public.

Found, a four year old white cow, no marks. Call and pay for this notice and get your cow.

Mr. Holt, of the drug firm of Holt & Romans, Martinsburg, made us a pleasant call this week.

W. O. Johnson has just returned from the north with a fine lot of hogs and cattle which he will feed.

A larger machine was put in last week and now the gas works of the Windsor work like a charm.

P. W. Harding is getting up a lengthy petition in favor of submitting the question of prohibition.

We had the pleasure this week of meeting a lady who never saw or heard Uncle Tom's Cabin played.

Col. Louis Phillip, the big clothing man of Mexico, was here this week visiting relatives.—Fulton Telegraph.

We hear S. W. Bickley spoken of as a probable candidate for city attorney. Mr. Bickley would make a good officer.

## LAST NIGHT'S BLAZE!

## Two Livery Stables and Other Buildings Burned.

ALL THE HORSES AND VEHICLES REMOVED TO A PLACE OF SAFETY, WITHOUT LOSS.

Wm. H. Miller & Co., Hurd Brothers, Hisey & James, Dr. Bourne and Jack Pollard the Losers.

A Good Chance for Capital to Come to the Front in Building Fire Brick. Editors on the Burned District.

About 10 o'clock last night Mexico was startled with the shouts of "fire!" the clanging of the fire bell and a brilliant burst of flames all at the same moment, apparently. The fire was found to be in the rear of Miller's livery stable and when discovered was burning through the roof. How the fire originated is a mystery which our reporter can not fathom after the most diligent inquiry.

When the fire first discovered it was feared that at least the whole block was doomed, for the buildings were nearly all frame and the stables were filled with hay and other combustible matter. The fire made a brilliant start and in a few moments the two livery stables were both in flames. The buggies and carriages were all saved as was all the stock, though a great deal of trouble was experienced in getting out the horses.

The fire company was at the scene and did good work, confining the fire to the buildings where it originated. The total loss is not as heavy as one would at first suppose and is distributed as follows:

Hurd Bros.' loss nearly covered by insurance.

Miller's loss nearly covered by insurance.

R. Hisey, who owned the Hurd Bros. livery stable and also had an office on the corner, lost about \$1,000; \$650 insurance.

W. A. Eubank, of Paris, Mo., who owned Miller's stable, lost \$3,000; \$1,250 insurance.

Jack Pollard, damage to dwelling about \$500; partially insured. A small stable on the Bourne property was burned, as was also the old marble shop in which the fire engine had lately been stored. The Hurd livery stable building was one of the oldest landmarks of the city, having been built 35 years ago by the M. E. Church, South, for a place of worship, and used for that purpose until about the year 1870. Mexico has had several warm fires lately, and they all started in a mysterious way. We learn this morning that new and handsome brick buildings will at once be erected on this corner, which is one of the most eligible sites in the city.

SAVES.

The engine worked all O. K.

The sparks flew thick and fast.

Joe Botkin covered the top of his stable with salt.

The residence of George Cogan was badly scorched.

The Ledger, as usual, has the first and fullest report of the fire.

At one time it was feared the flames would reach the public square.

Rufus Hisey is having the debris cleared away, preparatory to building.

The Globe-Democrat and Republican both got an account of the fire by wire.

The city council will meet at once and have this block placed in the fire limits.

If the wind had been blowing in any other direction, the fire would have been worse.

Chief Shea and Lieut. White were both out of town, but the boys did good work all the same.

Charles Dolyns saved the last horse in Miller's stable. Mr. Miller rewarded him for his bravery.

If the fire had happened at a late hour, all the horses in both stables would have been burned alive.

None of the stock was injured. The horses made better time last night than they ever did before.

Joe Botkin set up the oysters to the fire company and everybody else that helped to save his stable.

A Denial.

Mrs. Waddingham and her attorneys both deny there was any demonstration or even recognition on Mrs. Waddingham's part of the witness Charles Gavin at the taking of depositions in St. Louis as stated in an article copied from the Globe-Democrat in to-day's LEDGER. They say that it is false that she fainted, spoke to or recognized him in any manner. W. W. Fry, as Mrs. Waddingham's attorney, and Judge Geo. P. Strong, of St. Louis, as Mr. Waddingham's attorney, were present and examined the witness Gavin, and they will verify the fact that there was no demonstration or recognition of the witness Gavin by Mrs. Waddingham. We make this statement in behalf of the defendant that both parties may be understood.

Seriously Injured.

A telegram was received here late last night from the depot agent at Sturgeon stating that Wm. S. Ragsdale had been seriously injured by a freight train at a point about one mile west of that place. The extent of his injuries cannot be ascertained by this writing, but they are thought to be serious. J. W. Ragsdale, his brother, is in attendance on the injured man.

We announce W. K. Potts as a candidate for re-election to the office of marshal. Every man, woman and child in Mexico knows Warner. If elected he will, in the future as in the past, serve with satisfaction.

When a newspaper man don't know the difference between an extra and a supplement he is in a bad fix to set a hen on the hillside.

T. B. Buckner was in St. Louis on business this week.

## Getting Ahead of a Corporation.

When the right of way for the erection of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company's line through this county was being procured, and when application was made to Maj. R. E. Lawder for permission to run through his farm just east of this city, in addition to the regular printed form used by the company in granting this privilege, the following contract was entered into, which, by the recent consolidation of the Mutual Union with the Western Union, leaves the Major the owner and sole proprietor of about two miles of wire.

"And, in case of consolidation with, sale to or pooling with the Western Union Telegraph Company in a manner to prevent competition, this contract shall be null and void, and all rights and privileges secured by the same shall be forfeited and the poles and wires shall become my property."

R. E. LAWDER, Land Owner.

I certify the above to be a true copy of contract entered into between Maj. R. E. Lawder and the Mutual Union Telegraph Company.

Agent M. U. Tel. Company.

At the time the contract was made Maj. Lawder predicted to the agent that the Mutual Union would, sooner or later, be absorbed by its more formidable rival, and the queer contract above noted was suggested and finally entered into more in fun than seriously. The Major jokingly remarked to a LEDGER reporter a few days since that he intended to hold the proper parties to their contract, and had notified them at headquarters in Chicago to cut loose from his wires or stand the consequences. In a day's journey the Major's rival as practical joker could not be found.

\$100 reward will be paid to any one suffering with a cold that is not relieved by one bottle of Colchosa and Tar, for sale by J. F. Llewellyn.

A Related Breakfast.

The Denver express, westward from St. Louis, Friday, the 16th inst., Mr. Thomas Hughes conductor, having been detained on the road by the flood, reached Mexico, on the 17th inst., some 17 or 18 hours overdue.

As the train, consisting of several coaches filled with hungry travelers, neared the station all aboard were most happily surprised by the conductor announcing that omnibuses would be awaiting their arrival at the depot in Mexico to take them to the Windsor for breakfast for which the C. & A. R. R. would pay. You can well imagine that it was "good news" to such a jaded and hungry crew. It is not saying more than will be easily believed when we bespeak all hands more than thankful, truly grateful, to all the parties who had a hand in so timely a supply of the demands of the inner man. It was not allowed to pass without due notice. As the repeat was nearly finished, one of the passengers, Rev. Lyman Marshall, moved "thanks to the conductor and through him to the C. & A. R. R. for this very thoughtful and generous consideration of their traveling guests, and to the genial hosts of the Windsor; and, we would all, likewise, desire to recognize in this, as all our blessing, the good hand of that ever thoughtful and provident One who brings us, in all our journeys, through flood and storm in good cheer and safety."

Mr. Waugh, of New York, seconded the motion, and it was most heartily and unanimously adopted.

After personal greetings with friends the well fed, happy company resumed their seats in the train and passed on their journey.

A Guest.

See the new cook stoves at J. C. Huff's.

Rev. James F. Smith has received a letter from Mr. J. C. Johnson at Wentzville stating that Rev. Wm. Vardeman of that place last week during the slippery condition of the roads had the misfortune to fall and break his leg at the hip joint.

The unfortunate man laid on the ice with the water running over him for almost two hours. The accident will deter Mr. Vardeman, an old friend of Mr. Smith, from attending that gentleman's golden wedding, which event takes place on the 7th of March. Mr. Vardeman is a minister of the Baptist church, and is widely known, and the accident that befel him is greatly to be regretted.

See the rare bargains in stores and tinware at J. C. Huff's.

Answer to "Republican."

To the Editor of the Ledger:

Please inform our inquiring republican friend that if Senator Vest chooses to be silly or stupid there is no law to prevent it. Tell him also, that the zinc industries of Missouri have no more right to rob the public than the "iron infants" of Pennsylvania or the "humber infants" of Michigan. Say also, that so long as the farmers stand it, just so long will they be plundered. If they will pay \$16,000,000 more for lumber than it is worth they must expect the Michigan folks to take it. The zinc industries, whether adult or infant, are entitled to all they can earn and no more. The public pay should not flow for them as it should for any private interest. J. F. LLEWELLYN.

Coal cook stoves at J. C. Huff's for \$15.00.

Thos Riley, a section hand on the Washburn road, was struck by an engine Tuesday evening about one mile west of town, and had his skull terribly fractured. Nearly three square inches of the skull was taken out. It is thought he will recover.

A grand hop will be given by the Home Club at the Central-Ringo hotel to-morrow night.

The noted stallion "Missouri Clay," (formerly the property of Capt. Wm. Currie) the famous breeder of gentlemen's roadster and trotting horses, will make the incoming season at the horse and mule yard of C. T. Quisenberry in this city. Handbills with particulars in due time.

The bottom is knocked out of prices on trunks, valises, etc., at Joe & Vic Barth's, and don't you forget it.

Our friend Ben, Johnson smiles a smile—it is a boy.

Tinware at a sacrifice at J. C. Huff's.

## What the Ledger Would Like to See.

An early spring.

A fax mill in Mexico.

Good city officers elected.

What kind of weather we will have next.

A patent medicine that will cure hams.

What became of the prohibition boom.

Where there is a livelier little town than Laddonia.

A darker or more dismal dungeon than a mean man's mind.

Why Joel Guthrie and Sam Baskin rushed into print with their private troubles.

Why men should dispute laurels with the hogs by trying to see how much they can eat.

Eggs Wanted.

Highest market price in cash paid at Frost's grocery, next door to post-office.

FROM LADDONIA.

correspondent of the Ledger.

LADDONIA, Mo., Feb. 19.—Last week our town looked Noah's Ark in a vast sea. It was surrounded with water, but winter took a wise notion in his old head and froze the ground so that people could travel once more.

This morning farmers are coming in with loads of corn which is selling at 36 cents.

Rev. Meadows, of Perry, a colored minister, preached in the hall, which was crowded with people, mostly white. He delivered a good sermon which contained many truths, and if heeded would make a community improve in morals. We suppose a truth is a truth even when spoken by a colored man, and should have as much weight.

Mrs. M. E. McGee, of Chicago, Illinois, lectured here Tuesday night on temperance.

One of our leading merchants makes weekly visits to Farber and it is thought he will soon bring home a Farber's radio.

W. F. Reed's Special Notice for March 1st, 1883.

On and after March 1st, 1883, all goods purchased in my establishment must be accompanied by the cash or its equivalent. This rule will be found, in the end, better for all concerned, and will be strictly adhered to.

W. F. REED.

A Mexico Heroine.

From the St. Louis Chronicle.

The heroine of the Waddingham-Gavin romance, still in Mexico, Mo., says that when Mr. Waddingham's suit for divorce comes up at the June term of the circuit court she will produce evidence that will influence the plaintiff to drop the case. She denies that she was married to Gavin and laughs at the fainting scene. When she went into "Nichols's" office she knew that the alleged Gavin was there.

Farms For Rent.

About twenty good farms for rent. Terms reasonable. Call at Jas. Daniel's real estate office.

DANIEL & HALL.

The great clearing sale has commenced at Joe & Vic Barth's.

Pay Up.

Having sold out my entire stock of dry goods, etc., I am desirous of closing up my outstanding accounts at once. All who owe me must pay within 30 days.

W. H. COONS.

Mexico is to have gas works. Already there is a party wanting to buy the franchise, but the Moberly boys have it and won't sell. Work will be commenced at once.—Moberly Monitor.

If we understand the matter aright the franchise is owned and held by Mexico business men.

To Whom It May Concern.

Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any debts or contracts made by my wife, Mary Hoselton, as she has threatened to leave me, and hence this notice; and all parties are cautioned against buying any property of any description from her without first ascertaining of me the ownership of same.

AMOS HOSELTON.

"Do you use the wheel?" If so, try Gravelly's Best Plug and Twist Tobacco at Culbertson's old stand, the "Kentucky Grocery."

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Ambrose Quisenberry is very sick at Abaline, Texas.

Mrs. Lucy Johnson, of Audrain county, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. T. L. May, of this city. This venerable and estimable lady was 79 years old on the 15th inst. We are glad to note that Mrs. Johnson has recovered from her recent hurt and notwithstanding her great age she is quite cheerful and full of vivacity and always glad to see and converse with her friends.—Louisiana Press.

We announce to-day Mr. T. B. Warford for City Recorder. If elected he will fill the office satisfactorily.

Dr. J. W. Reed has returned from a business trip to Denver.

Celebrated Hapgood Sulky Plow at J. C. Huff's.

Suit for \$15,000 has been brought by three students of the Chicago College of Surgery for \$5,000 each because the college would not graduate them in one year. Dr. French, of this city, occupies a chair in this college. He says they do not graduate pupils from that college in one year.

Order your nursery stock of B. F. Wythe, Benton City, Mo., or of J. H. Hall, Hallett, Mexico, Mo.

Joe Guthrie and Sam Baskin have gotten into a newspaper fight about coal. They make very "coaly" insinuations about each other. Guthrie insinuates that Baskin misrepresents his coal, and Baskin insinuates that Guthrie don't pay for his coal.

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The Prince of Wales is said to be \$3,000,000 in debt.

Kick your corn through a window-glass, and the pane is gone forever.

Some toppers drink heartily at night because water will taste so good next day.

The New Orleans Picayune says: "A man born at sea cannot be proud of his native land."

A short-tailed dog, says the Picayune, is unable to express his feelings without great exertion.

Hon. Geo. Batterson, of Audrain, was correct when he voted against the bill abolishing the board of immigration.

The Mexico LEDGER is always first, as usual. The first announcement for city election appeared in its columns.

Wm. Pollock, who has served with such excellent satisfaction as Mayor, will under no circumstances be a candidate for re-election.

Annie, infant daughter of Johnny Morris, of St. Louis, died last week. The remains were interred in the new cemetery of this city.

O. Hitt, the present city attorney, who has served with such ability and general satisfaction, will not be a candidate for re-election.

Miss Maggie Bryan, a talented young lady of this city, is now teaching vocal music at Hardin College. She is a beautiful singer.

D. E. Shep and D. T. Gentry went to Louisiana this week to examine and commission the officers of the Louisiana military company.

Joe Henderson, an old and popular Mexico salesman, is now with Harper & Turner where he would love to see his old patrons and friends.

George Robertson, of this city, has been elected one of the judges in the oratorical contest which takes place at the State Normal School to-day.

Tests of the human stomach now appear to be in order. We suggest that some one try to eat a Roadhouse doughnut every day for five days.

Rev. Silas Smith has bought lots in San Mexico and will at once proceed to erect a church building. Smith says you can't keep a good man down.

Frank Grasty, a clever and experienced young man, is now night clerk at the Windsor. Frank is an accommodating and will fill the bill in great shape.

A couple of retired business men of this city are making arrangements to go into the real estate, insurance and brokerage business. It will be a strong firm.

We announce this week Joseph Murray as a candidate for marshal. Joe is a clever gentleman, well fitted for the office, and if elected give general satisfaction.

The Sedalia Democrat's third annual review is a dandy. It is complete, concise and is calculated to do the city and county an immense amount of good.

There is a movement on foot in the legislature of Missouri looking to a repeal of the present text-book law. In our opinion the text-book law should be left as it is.

The widow Surber's house, in east Mexico, burned down early Monday morning. It was near the creek and so early in the morning that no alarm was sounded up town at all.

As will be seen in another place Maj. Lawder is the owner and operator of a telegraph line. He had better anchor down his poles or some fine morning he will find them gone.

Wm. H. Coons has gone to St. Louis and will go into the live stock business. Will be a live, enterprising young man and will, we are sure, be successful in whatever he undertakes.

The Cameron Herald, edited and published by Constant & Jones, is a new venture. These men are good newspaper men and the paper starts off in first rate style, and will be a success.

Dr. Sinclair has moved to West Elv, Marion county, to practice. This is a good opening and the Doctor is a clever gentleman, a fine practitioner and the LEDGER knows he will be successful.

B. B. Runkle, the well-known foreman of the LEDGER office, fine job printer and Mexico correspondent of the Globe-Democrat, has sent us an order to mail him the Enterprise.—Laddonia Enterprise.

Dr. L. R. Romans has returned from medical college at Chicago, Ill., and will practice medicine with French & Walker. Romans has been a hard and faithful student. We know he will get his share of practice.

Hon. C. G. Daniel and wife, Cash Blackburn and wife, Mayo Harris and wife, John Laird and Port Emmons, of the Leader, were all up from Vandalia to the Arbuckle-Coby concert Monday night.

Did it ever occur to you that when you drink whiskey you are paying 15 cents a drink for what costs 22 cents a gallon. Some whiskey is now sold at about \$1.12 per gallon and 90 cents of this is government tax.

In this issue of the LEDGER will be found the announcement of D. T. Gentry, candidate for the office of city attorney. Dave is in every sense of the word well qualified, and if elected will fill the office with satisfaction to all.

We announce this week B. F. Tomlinson as a candidate for re-election to the office of city recorder. "Uncle Frank," as he is familiarly known to his host of friends, has filled this office with general satisfaction as he will continue to do if re-elected.

## SMALL TALK.

A certain business block in this city is becoming very unpopular in every sense of the word. Rent has been lowered three-fourths, and still it is hard to find tenants. Several of the property owners have sold their real estate at a sacrifice that would make a merchant who "sells below cost" pale with jealous wrath. One man traded a two-story brick for two acres of Texas Ruggles-grant land. Another "swapped" a double store in the same block for a single six foot long and two foot wide "plant" in the graveyard, and he says, unless things change, he don't care how soon he moves into his new property.

This blighting, deadening, small-pox influence is easily understood when explained. The buildings in